

THE LACLEDE BLADE.

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SATURDAY, JULY 21, 1906.

Recorder of Deeds.
We are authorized to announce
SAM OLEAVER
as a candidate for recorder of deeds of Linn county, subject to the action of the republican nominating convention.

County Clerk.
We are authorized to announce
HARRY E. SYMONS
as a candidate for county clerk of Linn county, subject to the action of the republican nominating convention.

Missouri Public Schools.
There will be \$20,240.78 more state moneys to apportion to the public schools this year than last. The enumeration of children will be nearly 4,000 less. The per capita this year will be about \$1.37 instead of \$1.34 last year.

State Superintendent Carrington will not be able to make the apportionment of state school moneys until about July 25, owing to the fact that several county clerks are derelict in making report of school enumeration to him. School districts may safely count on receiving \$1.37 per capita enumeration. The money will reach the county treasurer early in August.

The large decrease in school population is not confined to a few localities. There is a decrease in more than three-fourths of the counties, mainly in the rural districts. The following counties show the largest falling off during the past year: Adair 503; Audrain 424; Bates 325; Cass 374; Daviess 305; Franklin 366; Grundy 354; Harrison 381; Johnson 358; Macon 325; a total in ten counties of 3,375.

There is a scarcity of teachers in nearly every county in the state, owing mainly to low salaries paid teachers. Nearly every kind of work pays better than teaching, and the best teachers are seeking better pay. The next legislature should pass a minimum salary law. No teacher should be paid less than \$10 per month for 8 months. No district should receive any of the public moneys unless it levied 65 cents on the \$100 assessed valuation or maintained an 8 months' school and paid \$40 per month to the teacher. Any district not able to support such school on a 65 cent levy should have extra state aid.

It is a matter worthy of note that whatever of increase there has been in population in Missouri in the past year as shown by enumeration of school children has been confined to a few localities. St. Louis and St. Joseph show largest gains; next the lead belts in Jasper and St. Francois counties. The establishment of new factories in Springfield, Hannibal, Sedalia, Jefferson City, Cape Girardeau and Moberly has increased population somewhat in these centres. The completion of the Thebes bridge, the development of railroads and the rapid reclaiming of the swamp lands, account for the increase in several counties of Southeast Missouri. Cheap lands, fine climate and the building of the White river railroad gave several counties in the Ozarks increased population.

A Laclede Man for Representative.
From Brookfield Argus.

What is the matter with the Linn county democracy nominating O. F. Libby, of Laclede, for representative? A man of ability, of sterling integrity, a broad acquaintance, he would be strong at the polls. He will no doubt say he does not want the office. Let the office seek the man. Oscar Libby would measure up well, could be elected, in all probability, and would be a credit to Linn county.

Twenty Year Battle.

"I was a loser in a twenty year battle with chronic piles and malignant sores until I tried Bucklen's Arnica Salve which turned the tide by curing both till not a trace remains," writes A. M. Bruce, of Farmville, Va. Best for old ulcers, cuts, burns and wounds. 25c at W. R. Barton's drug store.

WEEKLY WEATHER BULLETIN

For Week Ending Last Monday issued by Missouri Station at Columbia.

The week ending Monday morning, July 16, 1906, was slightly cooler than usual throughout the state, the average daily temperature deficiency ranging from 1 degree in the central to 2 degrees in the eastern and southern portions, and about 3 degrees in the western and northern portions. The percentage of sunshine was about normal.

The maximum temperatures were not unusually high at any time during the week. The 11th, 12th and 13th were the warmest days, when the maximum ranged from 88 degrees in the southern counties to 94 degrees in the northern counties. The nights were rather cool for the season during the first half of the week, when the minimum temperatures ranged from 52 degrees to 60 degrees, but after the 11th the nights were warmer, the temperatures ranging from 64 degrees to 70 degrees.

The rainfall of the week was in the form of light to moderately heavy showers, the weekly total exceeding one inch in only two counties—Putnam and Barton—and was below the normal in all districts. Showers were quite frequent over the greater part of the Ozark plateau, where moisture is ample for present needs, but in the southeastern lowlands and southwestern lowlands and in nearly all counties north of the Missouri river rain is needed. Some slight damage was done by high wind in a few scattered localities, but on the whole the week was comparatively free from damaging storms.

Republican County Convention Called.

At a meeting of the Linn county republican central committee held in Linneus on Thursday, June 21, 1906, it was unanimously ordered that the republican county nominating convention be called to meet in Marcelline on Tuesday, July 31, 1906, at 10 a. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for county offices, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before said convention.

The basis of representation fixed by the committee was one delegate for every 15 votes and fraction of 8 cast for Theodore Roosevelt for president in 1904.

The various townships are entitled to the following representation and shall elect their delegates at primaries to be held at the various voting precincts on Saturday, July 28, 1906, at 2 p. m.

Baker	8
Benton, N.	8
Benton, S.	5
Brookfield 1.	14
Brookfield 2.	14
Brookfield 3.	14
Brookfield 4.	14
Bucklin	15
Clay	9
Enterprise	4
Grantville	8
Jackson	7
Jefferson	22
Locust Creek	12
Marcelline E.	9
Marcelline W.	17
North Salem	10
Parson Creek	14
Yellow Creek	7
Total	211

Done by order of the republican county central committee.

F. W. BURKE, Chairman.
CHAS. PETTS, Secretary.

A Tragic Finish.

A watchman's neglect permitted a leak in the great North Sea dyke, which a child's finger could have stopped, to become a ruinous break, devastating an entire province of Holland. In like manner Kenneth McIver, of Vanceboro, Me., permitted a little cold to go unnoticed until a tragic finish was only averted by Dr. King's New Discovery. He writes: "Three doctors gave me up to die of lung inflammation, caused by a neglected cold; but Dr. King's New Discovery saved my life." Guaranteed best cough and cold cure at W. R. Barton's drug store. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

WHAT IS AN OPHTHALMOLOGIST?

The Comparative Difference Between Them and Oculists and Opticians.

RESULTS PROVE



DR. GRIFFITH.

Here next Saturday, July 28. OPTICIAN; one who manufactures or deals in optical goods.

OCULIST; a physician who pretends to cure eye diseases.

OPHTHALMOLOGIST; one who understands the eyes, their defects and their relation to human ills.

The first named has no business to attempt to fit eyes, because he knows neither physical nor physiological optics.

The second should not practice unless he has taken a special course in optics, for nothing in his medical college training qualified him, and merely assuming the title "OCULIST" is humbug.

The ophthalmologist may, or he may not be a physician, and be equally competent, because he has made a specialty of the subject, just as dentists do. The way to distinguish one of these from a fraud is that he will be able to tell you all about your affection in simple language and does not cloak ignorance with mystery and pomposity.

A Hard Lot

Of troubles to contend with spring from a torpid liver and blockaded bowels unless you awaken them to their proper action with Dr. King's New Life Pills, the pleasantest and most effective cure for constipation. They prevent appendicitis and tone up the system. 25c at W. R. Barton's drug store.

POULTRY WANTED

BY THE



S.P.POND CO.

Will Buy at Depot

Wednesday Forenoon, July 25

Will pay following prices in cash:

Hens	9c
Old Roosters	4c
Springs	Market Price
Hen Turkeys	10c
Toms	8c

CRAWS TO BE EMPTY

Sick and unmarketable poultry not wanted

HALF THE PLEASURE OF BEING WELL DRESSED



IS GETTING YOUR CLOTHES MADE TO ORDER.

Why wear good ready-made garments when for about the same price you can get better clothes made to your measure? Many a man is answering this question to his extreme satisfaction by having us order his clothes from the

World-Famous International Tailoring Co.
NEW YORK CHICAGO SAN FRANCISCO

We show their beautiful line with over 500 splendid samples to select from. Come in and see their fine fashion plates, reflecting the latest New York styles. Every measure we take is guaranteed to turn out a perfect fit.

Geo. C. Smith & Co.
DRY GOODS, FURNISHINGS, FINE FOOTWEAR

The Harness Season Is Now at Hand.

Now is the time when farmers are breaking colts and getting them ready for plow time. It is natural to look around for the best harness.

Libby's Harness

Is uniformly good. It is made of only the best parts of the best hides. Quality is never sacrificed for the saving of stock.

A poor harness is always a surprise package. You never can figure on what part will give up the ghost first. But you may be sure it will give out somewhere, sometime, and usually just when it makes you swear you will buy elsewhere in the future.

What's the use of buying harness that gives you more worry than profit when

Libby's Harness

Can be had at so near to the price of the "may-stand-up" kind?

Don't you think it worth just a visit to us to learn more about this dependable wearing harness of ours?

All Styles.

All Kinds.

O. F. LIBBY, Jr.,

Laclede, - - - Missouri.

FREE LANDS

For Homesteaders

IN THE

Shoshone Reservation of Wyoming

Uncle Sam will give everybody entitled to take up homesteads a chance at these lands, comprising approximately 1,150,000 acres. It is estimated that between 300,000 and 400,000 acres are first-class agricultural lands susceptible of irrigation. The remainder are grazing, timber and mineral lands.

To secure a homestead you must register at one of the points designated by the government on any day from July 16 to 31, 1906. The Burlington Route will sell

very low-priced round-trip tickets daily from July 12 to 29, inclusive. Those who make sure their tickets read to Worland, Wyo., have the great advantage of reaching the reservation over the Burlington's line through the heart of the Big Horn Basin. To see this rich irrigated section is worth any man's time and money.

Let me give you a free folder, telling about the opening, cost of tickets, trains, etc.

F. F. PRATT, Agent

C. B. & Q. Ry.

Stray Pig.

A stray pig, white, weight about 35 pounds, came to my place about a week ago and was taken up. Owner may have same by proving property and paying for this notice and feed.

W. P. BOTTIGER.